

Section 5. Runway Selection

3-5-1. SELECTION

a. Except where a "runway use" program is in effect, use the runway most nearly aligned with the wind when 5 knots or more or the "calm wind" runway when less than 5 knots (set tetrahedron accordingly) unless use of another runway:

NOTE-

1. *If a pilot prefers to use a runway different from that specified, the pilot is expected to advise ATC.*

2. *At airports where a "runway use" program is established, ATC will assign runways deemed to have the least noise impact. If in the interest of safety a runway different from that specified is preferred, the pilot is expected to advise ATC accordingly. ATC will honor such requests and advise pilots when the requested runway is noise sensitive.*

REFERENCE-

FAAO 8400.9, *National Safety and Operational Criteria for Runway Use Programs.*

1. Will be operationally advantageous, or
2. Is requested by the pilot.

b. When conducting aircraft operations on other than the advertised active runway, state the runway in use.

3-5-2. STOL RUNWAYS

Use STOL runways as follows:

a. A designated STOL runway may be assigned only when requested by the pilot or as specified in a letter of agreement with an aircraft operator.

b. Issue the measured STOL runway length if the pilot requests it.

3-5-3. TAILWIND COMPONENTS

When authorizing use of runways and a tailwind component exists, always state both wind direction and velocity.

NOTE-

The wind may be described as "calm" when appropriate.

REFERENCE-

FAAO 7110.65, *Calm Wind Conditions, Para 2-6-5.*